# Office of Environmental Services



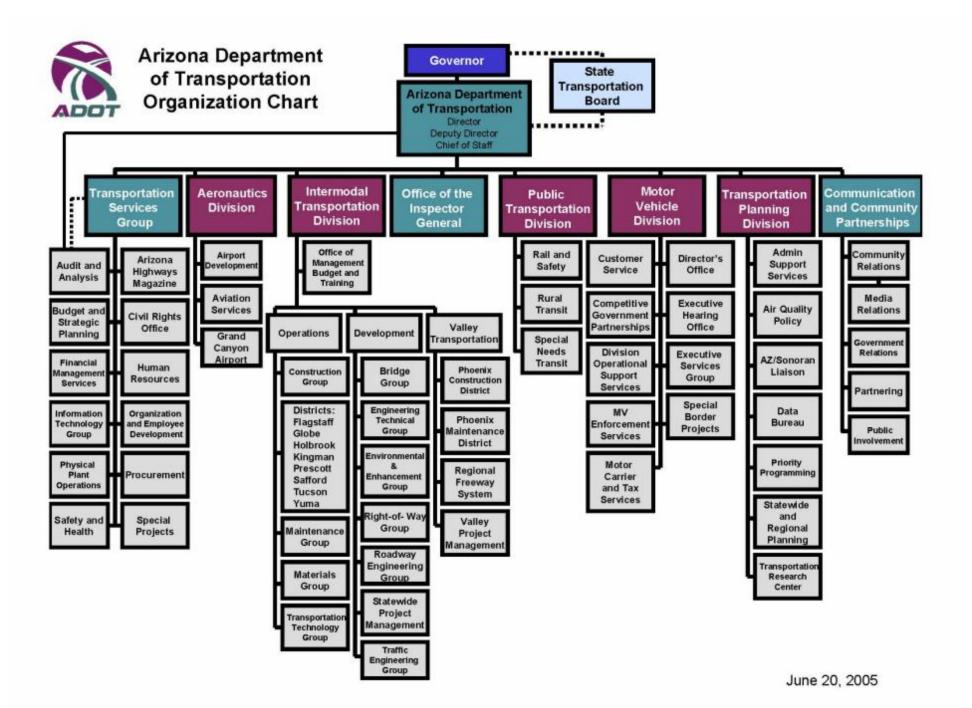
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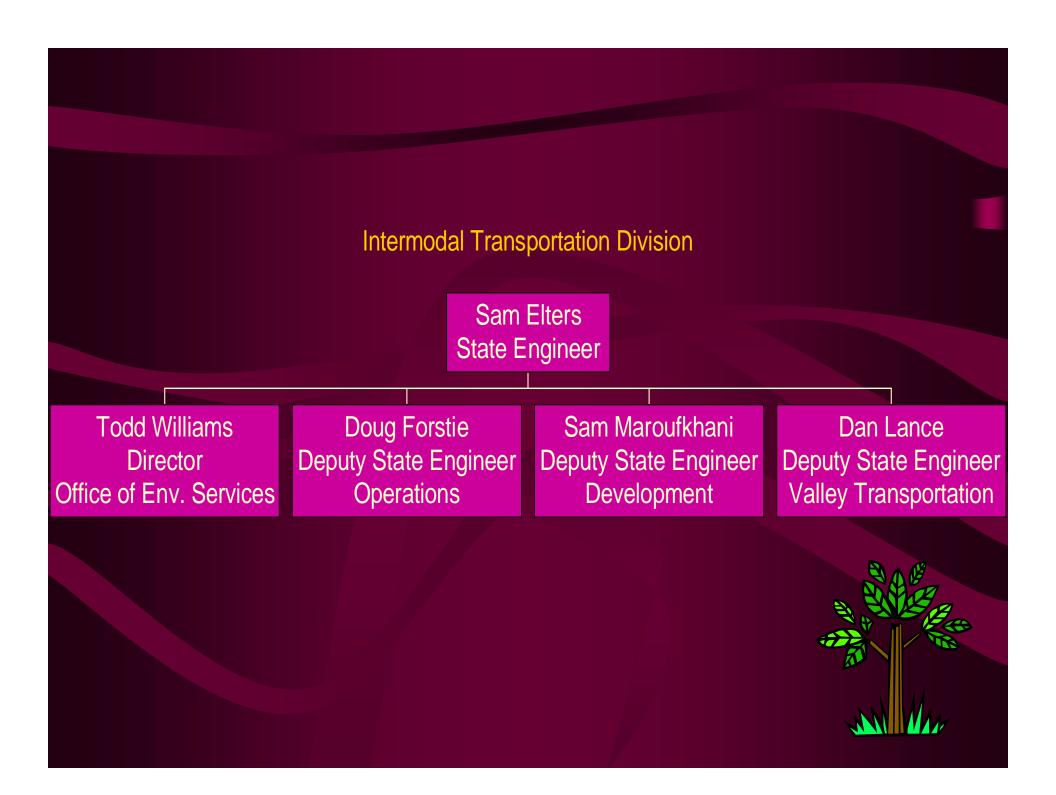
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Development Operations Meeting

Payson, Arizona

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# Preliminary Work Plan

### **OES** Director

- ✓ Initial focus on communications within ADOT
- ✓ Work to recruit and fill OES vacant positions
- ✓ Ensure implementation of the new SSWMP program
- ✓ Facilitate program to meet District needs w DECs
- ✓ Ensure adequate implementation of consent orders
- Outreach to key stakeholders re OES plans e.g. AGC
- Examine creation and use of interdisciplinary teams
- Focus on partnering opportunities with local gov't

### **Key OES Tasks**

- Refine Preliminary Work Plans for new positions
  - Permits/Plans Coordinator
  - Water Quality Coordinator
  - Compliance Coordinator
- Integration of NRMS program into OES
  - Need for Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan
  - Reporting relationships established
- Communications Plan
  - Internal product of the RRR workshops
  - External Statewide Resource Agency Coordination Committee
- Roles, responsibilities and relationships workshops
  - OES (EEG, NRMS, new coordinators & Districts)
  - ADOT (Other divisions, internal groups)

### Roles, Responsibilities & Relationships

• Purpose: Assigning lead and mutual responsibilities

#### Office of Environmental Services

Environmental
Compliance
Planning, Programs
Assistance,
Oversight and
Assurance

Development of plans, programs, processes, guidance materials, QA/QC actions, expert advice and analysis, various permit templates, development of Best Management Practices, interpretation of environmental requirements.

#### **Program Divisions, Regions and Districts**

Environmental
Management, Design
and Operations,
Compliance actions

Environmental implementation and management activities e.g. erosion control design and implementation, wetlands mitigation and replacement, dust control on construction roads, spraying and cutting of vegetation, etc.

### **OES-District Relationship**

**Example: Compliance Coordinator** 

#### Headquarters

**Program Activities** 

- Environmental Compliance Assurance
- Overall compliance guidance
- Liaison with outside agencies on compliance
- Conduct needed research and studies

#### District

**Project Activities** 

- Oversee and monitor compliance activities
- Provide assistance and guidance
- Provide needed training and materials
- Work with local resource agencies

### **Key OES Tasks**

- District working sessions
  - DE Meeting presentation and District meetings
- Awareness training and Culture change within ADOT
  - Education awareness training
  - Compliance program evaluation and assistance
- Strategic Resource Acquisition Plan
  - Steps to achieve projected resource needs over five years
- Environmental Databases
  - Catalogue and integrate existing databases
  - Develop access and QA/QC system
- Prepare EMCP
  - Refine environmental service needs and assign responsibilities
  - Monitor and evaluate service performance

## **Steering Committee Roles**

- Information and focus
  - Background and understanding
  - Environmental services needed and performance
- Guidance and recommendations
  - Institutional feasibility and acceptance
  - Resource opportunities and commitments
- Support for change
  - Education and awareness within ADOT
  - Resource acquisition from new sources

# **Comments and Discussion**

